

The SWORD of the LORD

Edited by JOHN R. RICE.

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Light From the Word of God on Young People's Problems. Will you write me your questions, comments or criticisms? Some letters will be published without names, but all names must be signed. Write YOUTHS' CORNER, *The Sword of the Lord*, 145 North Hale Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

CHRISTIAN GIRL WANTS TO KNOW IF PLAYING CARDS, DANCING, GOING TO SHOWS, AND DRINKING ARE SINS AND WHY; WANTS TO BE "A CHRISTIAN" AND STILL BE LIKE OTHER GIRLS.

Dear Miss Doris:

"I have your letter and am glad to answer it. I hope that God will help me to help you.

1. First, you say, "I want to be a Christian and I still want to be like other girls."

It is natural for a girl to want to be normal, happy, and not to be considered a freak or queer. And a girl can be normal and happy, fine company, attractive in appearance and admired by sensible people, without going to shows, drinking, dancing or doing other things that are sinful.

I mean that with normal people, good people, a Christian girl can be happy, interesting and attractive. But I warn you now that many people do not have a Christian attitude and you will have to be different from the ungodly crowd if you are true to Christ. A pure and modest girl is different from a brazen and immoral one. A girl who goes as far as she can toward adultery, by dancing, necking, petting, etc., trying not to actually commit the sin, is

bound to be different from a girl who saves her caresses for the boy she is going to marry, who acts decent and keeps herself pure in heart and keeps herself safe. A girl with long hair is different from a girl with bobbed hair. A girl with her face all painted, with glaring fingernails and who dresses deliberately to show too much of her body to arouse sex desire in boys, is certain to appear different from the girl who is more modestly dressed and who looks more natural. And I am glad a Christian can be different. I think that Christians ought to want to be different from the ungodly world, from people who are not friends of Jesus Christ. Being a Christian ought to make a difference in the way we live, and the way we act.

Suppose you lose some friends for Christ? I think you probably will if you are much of a Christian. John the Baptist was beheaded. (Continued on page three)

Soul Winners Like It--

The new book of evangelistic messages, *When Skeletons Come Out of Their Closets!* is having a very happy reception among soul winners for which we are grateful. This book by Evangelist John R. Rice, editor of *The Sword of the Lord* is published by Sword of the Lord Publishers.

Dr. Bob Jones Says —

A cordial letter from Dr. Bob Jones, founder of Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tennessee, to the author says:

"I wish to tell you what a thrill your book of sermons, *When Skeletons Come Out of Their Closets!* has given me. The messages have the old time ring of the old-time evangelist and that is what we need in these days. These messages in printed form will do great good. I pray that they may have a wide circulation.

"May God bless you.

"Sincerely yours,"

(Signed) Bob Jones

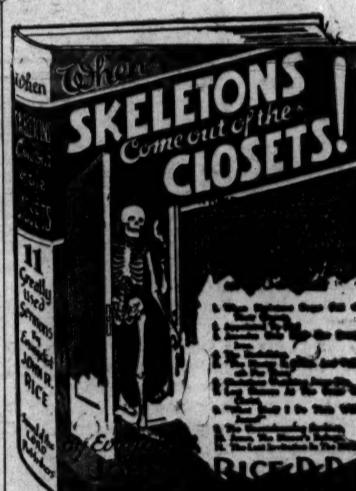
Dr. Ernest I. Reveal Says —

Dr. Ernest I. Reveal has been for nearly twenty-six years the superintendent of the Evansville Rescue Mission, which he founded, at Evansville, Indiana. Brother Reveal is a great soul winner and we have especially pleased to have his good letter which follows:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Your book is a dandy. The skeletons coming out of the closets that gets them. So many folks think they have a lock to that and the skeletons won't come out. That lock will break and the door will open some of these days; no lock that the Lord hasn't got a key to. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev. 1:18).

"I recommend this book highly and it is a book that has the Spirit of the Lord through it, that gets



in the secret places of your life and gives warning to flee in the arms of Jesus for refuge and redemption through the precious blood."

(Signed) Rev. Ernest I. Reveal.

A Big Dollar's Worth

Thus far, when all Christian book publishers are having to go up on their price, we have been able to maintain the price of \$1.00 for this big book of sermons. There are eleven long, full length evangelistic messages, as preached in revivals in principal cities in America by the evangelist. There are 191 extra-large pages. The book is bound beautifully in embossed wine colored cloth, stamped in gold, and has a purple printed jacket. God is using it to stir the saints of God and to convict and to save sinners. Better get your copy today.

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The Price of a Soul

By DR. JOE HENRY HANKINS

(Sermon preached Sunday night, September 26, 1943, at Wheaton College Gymnasium, Wheaton Illinois. Stenographically reported for *The Sword of the Lord*.)

Now our last message, and will you be very prayerful while we bring it? We read from the twenty-sixth verse of the sixteenth chapter of Matthew.

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

I think the Lord Jesus never spoke more solemn and meaningful words in all His ministry. In that brief statement the Lord places a value upon a human soul that is beyond all the wealth of this world in terms of things men count of value. Yes, the value Jesus places upon a human soul in that statement far exceeds the wealth of the world. The world He uses is, in the Greek, *Kosmos* which means all of God's material creation. Think of it! With the myriads of stars and solar systems and planets and worlds, the entire world system — Jesus said that one soul, one human soul is of more value than them all! Why did Jesus put such value upon a human soul? There are many reasons. I think we could stay here all night and recount the reasons why Jesus said one soul is worth more than the whole universe, but there are some outstanding reasons that I wish to consider prayerfully tonight.

I. First, I Think the Lord Put That Valuation Upon the Soul of Man Because of What Man Is and Because of God's Purpose For Man.

When God had spoken the worlds into being back yonder in the beginning, then when God had prepared this earth with all of its living creatures and all of its swarming life in the seas, and the birds that fly in the air and animals and creeping things that live upon the earth, God looked upon it all and said, "It is very good." But God wasn't satisfied. God is love, and love wants an object like unto itself upon which it can bestow its affection. God's great Father-heart was hungering for a family of children. So God said, "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness," and the Scripture says, "In the image of God created he



Dr. Joe Henry Hankins

him, male and female created he them." The crowning worth of all God's matchless creation is a being from His own hand into whom He has breathed the breath of His own life and who has become a living soul in the image of God, with a capacity to love like God and return the love of God; to respond to the thoughts of God, to live the life of God, to hold fellowship with God, to walk in communion with God, to live with God. We see God coming down in the cool of the day to walk with the man whom He has made and there is a blessed and holy and wonderful fellowship between the two. The purpose God had in the creation of man was not only to have a being like unto Himself who could appreciate and respond to His love and upon whom He could lavish His affections and with whom He could have fellowship, but God's further purpose was that this man should be the lord of creation and that one day he should reign with Him and share His glory throughout an endless eternity. What a glorious

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BOB JONES SAYS--

By BOB JONES, D.D., LL.D.

Founder, Bob Jones College, Cleveland Tennessee

"And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." This happened not because Cain was penitent for not having presented the sort of offering that God demanded, but because Abel, his brother, had pleased God with the offering he had brought and he had failed to do what God required. It was the hatred of evil for good that manifested itself in the anger of Cain. Ever since the fall of man there has been a conflict in this world. It is between light and darkness; between right and wrong; between heaven and hell; and between God and the devil. Wicked men do not hate other men because they are wicked. They hate other men because they are good. When Jesus was here they said many false things about Him. Religious leaders accused Him of being in partnership with Beelzebub, the prince of demons. They accused him of not being a friend of Caesar. They said he was a winebibber and a glutton. They did not say these things because they

In all languages and dialects there can be found some word for duty, or ought, or must. Everywhere men have some sense of sin. When men stop to think, they know there is something wrong with their lives. Plato and Aristotle and other philosophers found in man certain evil tendencies. Man does not wish to admit that he has these tendencies, but he cannot get away from the consciousness of these tendencies. Man in his natural state is unable to explain why he has evil propensities. Therefore, he invents the

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With Christian Men's Movement in George, Ia.

By EVANGELIST BILL RICE

The revival in George, Iowa was a union campaign sponsored by a group of fine Christian men known as the Christian Men's Movement. Every pastor in town is a member of this organization and laymen from the different churches in the town and surrounding community.

These men had rented a tent forty by ninety feet and pitched it in a splendid location one block west of the shopping district. It was the first attempt as a tent revival in that town since Paul Hutchins, the Christian author, conducted a tent revival there some twenty-two years ago. It was the first time all the churches had ever united their efforts in a campaign.

Large Attendance

The attendance was probably the largest we have ever had in a revival meeting. How the folks did come! About the third night we had to look for more seats. All seats were borrowed from the high school gym and from the city park.

The platform was placed in one side of the tent instead of the end, and seats were placed outside the tent facing the platform and loud speakers installed in order that all could see and hear. We could seat approximately eight hundred and on Sunday nights people stood in the aisles or outside the tent. On one night at least there were nearly three hundred people standing on the outside who could not find seats! Everyone was thrilled with the attendance except the local theater manager whose audience dwindled until only seven attended the picture show one Saturday night! The night he usually had his largest attendance! The proprietor of a local liquor and gambling joint was also unhappy because his Saturday night "take" was forty dollars less on Saturday nights during the revival than it usually was!

Everyone in town was talking revival. Many many criticized and called it the "Rice - Stockwell Show" and all manner of rumors were started. One was that I had said that all Catholics were going to Hell, another was that a wealthy business man was paying us to come to town each night and stores could do more business. And many were inviting friends and neighbors.

Good Musical Program

Chel Stockwell directed the choir and the congregational singing each night and the various churches furnished special music from time to time. There were two pianos — my wife played one and a local pianist played the other. Rice Nutting, my nephew who lives in Wheaton, Ill., played the accordian and the piano for the special music. He also played for the street services each Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. Rice and Mr. Nutting also conducted Children's Services each afternoon after school during the last week and there were several conversions.

218 Conversions and Re-dedications

Counting those saved in a service in the South Dakota State Prison, there were seventy-six conversions during the campaign and one hundred forty-two Christians who responded to a definite invitation during the meeting.

Probably the finest service we had was on August 25th, which was my birthday. At that time,

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the meeting was over a week old and there had been only six conversions, but that night God answered our prayers and there were thirty-two conversions! I was thirty-one years old that night and I thought it a wonderful birthday present — a soul for each year and one to grow on! There were conversions almost every night after that, and I understand that the revival is still going on in the churches in George.

Aftermath of the Revival

Here is just one example of how God continues to work there. One night a "tough" man and his wife came to the meeting. He had not been to a gospel service in twenty years, had no use for preachers but thought they were all money-grabbing crooks, etc. But one night they came and my wife met them and won the woman to Christ. When she was saved, he left the tent in disgust. The revival closed with him unsaved.

A few days later while in another revival in Sibley, Iowa, I was surprised to get a phone call from this man saying he wanted to see me right away. I told him to come over and he came over within a few minutes. He told me that his wife had been stricken with a serious illness, had been operated on and the doctor had told him she had been in a coma for hours and might never even regain consciousness. In despair, he had come to ask me to pray for her recovery. I suggested that his condition was more serious than hers and he confessed he thought his wife's sudden illness was due to his stubborn rejection of Christ. We knelt together there in the pastor's living room and he wept as he begged God to forgive and save him. Then we prayed for his wife.

When he went back to the hospital, the doctor met him with the news that his wife was greatly improved and was going to get well after all! The doctor attributed it to some "miracle" drug he had given her. A few days later, when I went to see her, their son, a soldier boy, was there and he too was happily saved.

PRAISE BE TO THE GOD OF REVIVALS!

Soul Winning Christian Business Man Available for Services

Our dear brother, Mr. H. K. Vreeland, is an earnest, well-trained and successful business man. He has felt the deep need for soul winning, and has laid himself on the altar to be used for the Lord. He has won scores of souls in personal contacts, and is always on the lookout for sinners who need the Lord, as he sells insurance.

Brother Vreeland is a separated Christian, is sound in the faith, and has been speaking as God opens doors for him. Churches that desire a speaker for men's or young people's groups, or smaller churches who want a few nights of special revival services, would do well to get in touch with this earnest, soul winning business man. Any mail addressed to Mr. H. K. Vreeland, c/o. The Sword of The Lord, 145 N. Hale Street, Wheaton, Illinois, will be forwarded to him at once.

Brother Vreeland cannot leave his work too far and is specially interested in service to be held in the area of Joliet, LaSalle, and Aurora. However, sometimes he would be available for special revival services further away. We know Mr. Vreeland will be a blessing, will stir soul winning fires and win souls himself.

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Evangelist Charles F. Weigle Had Good Union Meeting, Tomah, Wis.

The editor's good friend and faithful servant of God, Evangelist Charles F. Weigle, wrote the editor a month ago about a good union tent campaign he had in Tomah, Wisconsin. Lack of space forced the delay in publication until now. Praise God for our brother Weigle. His letter says:

Dear Brother Rice:

"We have just closed a union evangelistic campaign in Tomah, Wisconsin, under the auspices of four churches in that city. The services were held in a tent and lasted for three weeks. The proximity of Camp McCoy helped to bring many service-men to our meetings and on some nights there were as many soldiers as civilians present. On Sunday mornings by invitation of the chaplains I had the privilege of preaching in various chapels at the army camp.

"We found Tomah to be a very needy field. Sin and wickedness is strongly entrenched there, and spiritual life was at a very low ebb. However, two of the pastors, Hoya of the Methodist Church and Oman of the Evangelistic Center, with a loyal group of prayer warriors, worked faithfully day after day. Men and women were saved. Some of the soldiers came forward and confessed faith in Christ for the first time. One soldier, a Texan, six feet and nine inches tall, the tallest man I've ever seen saved in all my meetings, came up the aisle one night and said God saved him on the back seat.

"The meetings grew in power and in attendance to the very last day. The finances came easily without pressure so that all expenses were taken care of and the evangelist properly remunerated. There was a beautiful spirit of unity throughout. The Gospel still has power.

"Yours in His Matchless Grace"

Chas. F. Wiegle.
Home address: Sebring, Florida.

"WHAT A PEACE I HAVE IN MY HEART TODAY AFTER FOLLOWING MY LORD IN BAPTISM"

Let us share with you a happy letter from the reader of the author's pamphlet on *Bible Baptism*.

"Tremont, Ill.
Dear Friend in Christ:

"I am writing to tell you how happy and what a peace I have in my heart today after following my Lord in baptism Sunday evening at the Church in Pekin, Illinois.

"After reading your book on 'Bible Baptism' I was greatly moved and convicted that I had never really been baptized.

"I have been a Christian for many years and the last year have wanted very much to be immersed. I was a bit disturbed as to what I should do, but after reading your good book I was thoroughly convinced I must follow my Lord into the baptismal waters.

"I realize this has nothing to do with salvation, nevertheless our Lord commanded us to be baptized."

(Signed) N. H. P.

Many thousands of people know the same peace of heart, the same sense of God's sweet approval, after learning what He said about baptism, and doing it, just to please the Lord Jesus.

The pamphlet, *Bible Baptism* has sixty-four large pages, eight extensive chapters. The book has some 30,000 words. It answers almost every question that might arise about baptism, and does it from the Word of God. The chapter on "How the World Went Wrong on Baptism" will prove an eye-opener to many and helpful to all.

The book is undenominational,

Young Evangelistic Pastor Open for Evangelistic Campaigns

Rev. Reinhold A. Barth, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church at 510 W. High St., Dowagiac, Michigan, would like to hold some revival campaigns in other churches, while continuing his pastorate. He is only twenty-one years old, but in three and one-half years has been used of God to develop the work from 35 children in Sunday School, to a full-fledged and active church, having bought their own building. Twenty-one converts have been baptized. Brother Barth is commanded by Rev. Torrey M. Johnson of Midwest Bible Church, Chicago, Brother Johnson says the following.

"Reinhold Barth is a very dear personal friend, a true Christian, an excellent pastor, and a fine young people's evangelist. I most heartily endorse him for campaigns in smaller churches and for young people's campaigns in larger cities. His ministry is wholesome and constructive."

Address Mr. Barth
Rev. Reinhold A. Barth,
510 West High St.,
Dowagiac, Michigan.

For Methodists Who Believe the Bible!

The editor has just received from Dr. Bob Shuler, Trinity Methodist Church, Twelfth and Flower Streets, Los Angeles, California, a remarkable pamphlet of thirty-two pages. It is entitled, *BOB SHULER WRITES AN OPEN LETTER TO TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH*. The pamphlet tells how Dr. Shuler voted for the union of the Northern and Southern Methodist churches; tells of the inroads of modernism, the building of an unholy machine to put pacifists and modernists in all the important places. It urges Methodists to pray. It urges his own church to be patient before demanding that the church become an independent Methodist congregation.

The pamphlet is beautifully written in Bob Shuler's attractive, thrilling, fighting style. It is true to Christ, true to the Bible, true to the ancient Methodist heritage. You may have the pamphlet for 10¢ a copy, 100 copies postpaid for \$5.00.

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non-sectarian. It is based simply upon the Bible, the Word of God. It is kindly in tone, Scriptural, Christian. It exalts the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith and not of works.

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Young Christian Protests Immodest Swimming at Conference

An earnest Christian young woman who was embarrassed and grieved by the immodest dress and by the close contact and the unbecoming actions of young people in swim suits at a great Bible conference during the past summer, has written the editor of *The Sword of The Lord*. She was helped, she says, by my pamphlets on *What Is Wrong With the Movies* and *What Is Wrong With the Dance*, and hopes I will write "a book on swimming."

I have answered my young Christian friend that though swimming is not necessarily wrong, and could be a pleasant and helpful recreation, I too feel that immodest exposures of the body and close contact of young men and young women in swim suits or in halters and shorts, is a source of temptation, is following the world and seriously hinders spirituality and may lead to terrible harm. I hope to write an article for *The Sword of The Lord* soon on nudity in the light of the Bible. But here we give part of this earnest young Christian's letter.

"I am one of your many subscribers to *The Sword of The Lord*. The Lord has laid upon my heart a special request to ask of you. I am a young girl twenty-one years old and have read your books on dance and movies and have been helped and think they are much needed books..."

"On Labor Day I went to a Bible Conference and was very much uplifted through the morning service. After lunch hour we walked around the ground, and stopped at the swimming pool. The sights I saw there were thoroughly disgusting. Boys and girls who were supposed to be Christians all wearing scant bathing suits, were acting in an unbecoming manner in the pool and on the beach. This is one of the large Bible Conferences in the east and I understand that when it first started every one had to wear robes to and from the pool. But now things certainly have changed. For they sun all around the grounds and even work in refreshment stands. Boys and girls crowd so close together that they touch each other in their bathing suits. Scores of people were sitting around on the banks of the pool watching their unbecoming actings and seeing the nakedness of the human body. I am sure there were as much or more evil thoughts going through people's minds that day than if they had been watching a movie or dance (Matt. 25:27, 28). I used to go to dances, movies, and also swimming but since I accepted Jesus as my Saviour three and one-half years ago I realize the sin there is in it. I think the heart of God was grieved to see His children and the nakedness of others at that swimming pool that day."

Thousands of young people look to *The Sword of The Lord* and to the writings of this unworthy editor to help them live a separated life, to grow in grace and to win souls. We covet the prayers of readers, that God will help us not to fail these young people but to teach them the Word of God, to answer their problems and counsel them as to how best to please the Lord and be filled with the Spirit and win souls.

Youths' Corner

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ed because he was true to God. Stephen was stoned to death. Paul suffered many things. Daniel was cast into the lions' den. Jesus Himself was crucified. Why should we try to escape some loss? Why should we be afraid to stand up for Jesus even if sometimes we are called names and thought queer?

John said in John 15:18-20, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, 'The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.' Remember that you are not greater than your Lord and Saviour. Let us be willing to take some reproach on us in order to be like Jesus. We will be rewarded for it, too, for II Timothy 2:12 says, 'If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us.' So we are commanded, 'Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ' (II Tim. 2:3).

But on the other hand do not feel that you will be sad and downcast. No, instead God will give you better friends to make us for any you lose. And if you take time to pray and read your Bible and have the power of the Holy Spirit with you, all your friends will grow to respect you, to feel that you are sincere and honest, that you have real convictions. And remember that all decent boys would rather marry a pure girl than an impure one. In the long run it always pays to stay clean, to live close to Christ. In the long run that is the way of happiness and joy. You must believe that Lord about this and He will prove it to you.

2. You ask if playing cards is wrong.

The answer is, it depends on what kind of cards, and in what kind of company you play. If you mean regular playing cards, the kind that are usually used for bridge and poker, I think you will be better off not to play with them. Nearly all the people who play with regular playing cards sometimes play for prizes or gamble. If you should gamble, certainly that is a sin, since it tries to get money or prizes that you have not earned, and so it is the same as stealing when you win, and it is as silly as any other waste when you play and lose. And if you go with gambling people you are likely to gamble. Then again, if other young people should see you playing with such regular playing cards, they would probably say, "Well, Doris plays, and so I think it is all right for me to play," and others might do wrong might even gamble and keep bad company, following your example.

However, not all card games are bad. I think any game of cards which is not used to gamble on, and which is not usually played in bad company, would be all right for a Christian to play. Such games as Authors, Flinch, and some others have been played for years by nice people who would not think of gambling, and I do not know that such games have ever been used for gambling. Certainly they are not used in gambling dens like the regular playing cards are. Games themselves are not harmful. But be sure you do not waste too much time on them, that you do not get in bad company, that you do not hurt your Christian influence, and that you never give your approval to gambling, nor seem to approve gambling.

3. You ask if dancing is a sin? Yes, definitely. Ballroom dancing where man and women are in each others' arms, body against body, often cheek against cheek, are definitely harmful. The reason is given by the Saviour in Matthew 5:27, 28. He said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Dancing has been definitely proven again and again to arouse lust and stir sex passion. That is wholly improper between

mixed crowds of men and women or boys and girls. It would be all right for a man and his wife to hold each other in that way, since they are married, but to stir the same sex desire toward outsiders is definitely a sin. Some have told me how dancing led them to commit adultery, and I know it is deadly dangerous and that young people ought never to dance. Folk dancing, that is, where there is no close contact between sexes, is of course a different matter. A little later my book, "What Is Wrong With the Dance" will be ready. It is now reprinting. The price is 35¢. I am sorry I do not have one to send you just now.

4. You ask the harm is going to shows.

I suppose you mean the movies. The movie plays are largely built upon sex themes, and are deliberately made to arouse the passions of young people and stir sex desire. Crime is another favorite theme of the movies, and hundreds of boys, perhaps thousands, have been turned into criminals because of the teaching of the movies. Drinking, divorce, adultery, swearing, leg shows, are all treated in the movies as if they were right and normal. Most of the movie actresses are impure women who cannot stay married to the same man more than a few months at a time, and the men are equally bad. Any Christian is in bad company to attend the movies, will get thoughts and ideas that are sinful and wrong. My book on "What Is Wrong With the Movies" is now being reprinted. There are 117 pages, ten chapters, and the price is 50¢. This is the tenth printing soon to come off the press. If you will remind me I will send you a copy later.

5. You ask if drinking is a sin, and if so why.

Yes, drinking is definitely a sin, according to the Scriptures. Proverbs 20:1 says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Proverbs 23:29-32 says, "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it bitteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

Habakkuk 2:15 shows that it is even wrong to give a drink to anybody else or to sell liquor. It says, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou makest look on their nakedness!" I Corinthians 6:10 plainly says that drunkards cannot inherit the kingdom of God. And long experience has shown that anybody who drinks at all may become a drunkard. Drink is an enslaving habit, and any person is a fool to risk becoming a drunkard.

6. You ask, "Is becoming very angry a sin?"

Yes. Ephesians 4:30, 32 says, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

So you see that wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking and malice are all to be put away by a Christian.

A Christian can be indignant against sin, but certainly must not lose his temper, must not be bitter, must not have malice or anger in the usual sense.

7. You say, "How can you keep up your friendship with boys when asked to go to dances and shows, when refusing? with your girl friends?"

The answer is that you must be frank and honest, while you stick by your guns. Simply tell your friends that you would like very much to be with them, that you enjoy their fellowship, but that you are a Christian, that you feel you must keep your body sacred for the Lord who lives within you, and that you cannot in good conscience go to dances. If they are the kind of friends who are worth having, they will admire your convictions, even if they do not agree with you.

Bob Jones Says -

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theory of evolution and blames not himself, but his "protoplasm background" for certain weights that he has to carry, at least for a while. He hopes some day that all the weight may be thrown off by the driving power of the evolution process. It is strange how men will use such peculiar, "weird theories" when God's Word gives such a simple explanation. It teaches that man is a sinner. He belongs to a fallen race. He has gone astray from God. He can do nothing to get back to God except to receive the provision of God's grace. He is a lost sheep and cannot find his way home. He is a wandering son away from his Father's house living with hogs. He is so hungry he fain would eat the swill the hogs eat. If man would only repent and admit that he had sinned against God, he could sit down at a banquet table with His Heavenly Father and have angels to wait on him. Poor, mean, weak, fallen, stubborn men going on in their shame and folly, returning like dogs to their vomit and like hogs to their wallow in the mire, when they could enjoy the marvelous privilege of being saints, joint heirs with Christ and with Him inheriting all things some day.

"Who told thee that thou wast naked?" God inquired of Adam and Eve when they had hid themselves from the presence of the Lord among the trees of the garden. Until man fell he had not been self-conscious. He was God-conscious. Until Satan took man's eyes off of God he had not looked at himself. When man fell he became interested in himself. He began at once to try to fix himself so he would be presentable. He clothed himself with a garment which he, himself, had made out of the leaves from a tree that God had planted. Man cannot clothe himself with any garment so as to be presentable to God. There is always some sign of man's wickedness showing through the best garment it is possible for him to make. The nakedness of Abraham, as good as he was, could be seen through the robe that he wore. David, a man after God's own heart, marvelous man that he was, had a hole through which the nakedness of his depravity could be seen by his neighbors and loved ones. The only character in all history who wore a robe through which there could not be seen one single blot of defilement of character was the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the one flawless character. He was God manifest in the flesh. He died on the cross in our place, on our account, bearing our sin in His body. He did this so we could wear His robe which so completely covers us that when we stand in the presence of a holy God, even His eyes that can see through all the walls of creation He has made, will not be able to find one single little hole in that white robe through which any sin we have ever committed against Him can be seen. What a wonderful salvation God has provided for us in His Son and our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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— J. H. JOWETT

They may tease you, they may leave you out of some of their fun, but they will honestly respect you. Do not pretend to be better than other people, do not lose your temper, but simply try to be true to Christ and tell your friends that you must do what you feel is right and you hope they will understand.

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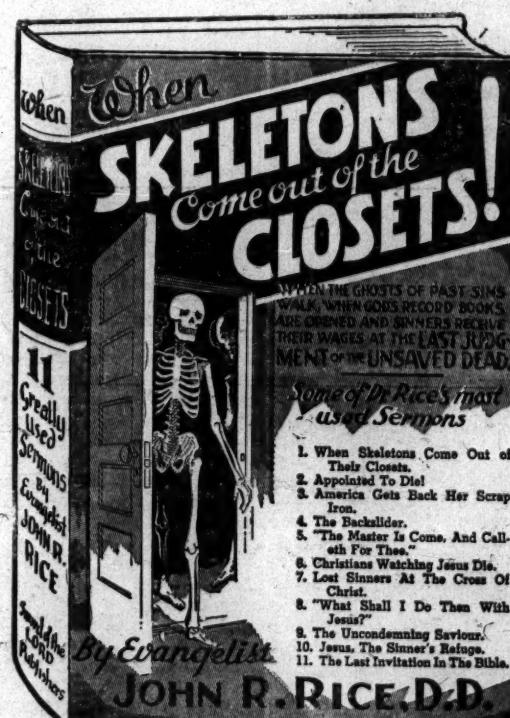
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THE PRICE OF A SOUL

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purpose God had in the creation of man! In the face of that many men will deliberately turn their backs upon such a destiny, deliberately defeat the purpose of God in their lives, and choose to follow the devil instead, be deceived by him and dragged from that glorious purpose of God into endless night, separated from God, be defeated in their lives and rob God of the glory that rightly belongs to Him in every life. That is why Jesus said, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" He misses that infinite, loving, glorious purpose of God in his life, and forfeits the opportunity to share with Him His glory through eternity.

II. Again, the Reason Jesus Placed That Value Upon a Soul Was Because That Soul Is to Live Forever.

It is because of the fact of eternity and the immortality of the soul. Did you ever stop to try to contemplate eternity? Have you ever silently and quietly in your own mind and soul tried to grasp the thought of eternity? I confess to you that I have never been able to do it. My mind, being finite, literally staggers like a drunken man and breaks down as I try to comprehend the meaning of eternity. On the thought that I shall be living somewhere forever! forever! forever! There was a time when I was not. When Job watched the stars from the plains of Shinar, I was not. When Abraham heard the call of God and started out seeking a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God, I was not. When Columbus turned the nose of that ship out into the vast expanses of the Atlantic to discover a new world, I was not. When Washington crossed the Delaware with his barefooted-men to purchase the liberty we enjoy and when they spent that winter in Valley Forge where they left their blood stained tracks in the snow, I was not. When Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House, I was not. But listen friend, there never will be a time any more but that I will be living on somewhere. When the sun has burned itself out in the sky and the material that composes its substance and gives its heat and light has all been consumed and gone back to nothing from which God called it into being, then I will still be living on. When the stars have worn themselves out with the passing of the ages and have crumbled and decayed and gone back into nothing, I will still be living on. When the whole created universe has grown weary in the cycles of the ages and worn out and passed back into nothing, when there is not an atom of it left, I will still be living on somewhere.

Somebody has said that if a tiny sparrow were to take in its little beak a grain of sand from off this planet on which we live, and carry it yonder to the moon and leave it, then come back and get another grain and go again to the moon, making one round trip each thousand years, that when the little sparrow should have succeeded in moving the whole planet on which we live, one tiny grain of sand each one thousand years, it would just be daylight in eternity; eternity would have just begun! Oh, I tell you when I think of that, I stagger at the thought and am overwhelmed with the reality of it as revealed in God's Word! Then when you link that up with eternal night, when you link that up with death and it becomes eternal death; when you think of a soul banished from the presence of God forever, forever; when you think of a soul lost in the blackness of darkness forever, as Jude said, like "wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever"—forever! forever! it is an awful thought.

III. What Would You Give After Your Soul Is Lost Forever in Hell?

And then the other half of the text is this: "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

When I first started preaching I made me a sermon on that and called it "SOLD OUT TO THE DEVIL." I pictured that part of the text as a soul in the market place and God saying, "What will you take?" and God making His offer, then the devil saying, "What will you take?" and the devil making his offer and the man selling out to the devil. I pictured certain things for which men sold out, and that is Scripturally true, but it isn't the proper interpretation of that text. Jesus didn't say, "What will you take?" but "What will you give?", "What will a man give . . .?" I remembered when I go into a marketplace to buy a suit of clothes the man that sells the suit puts a price on it and I give that price in exchange for the suit.

Just for the tiniest bit of relief from the tortures of Hell. And for nineteen hundred years he has been crying for that drop of water to cool his tongue that has been parched in that flame, but he hasn't got it yet. But oh, that is only the beginning. Throughout all eternity, forever, forever, forever he will be crying for that drop of water and he will never get it. Oh, the tortures of Hell are terrible enough to contemplate if they were for but one day. If they lasted a thousand years, then the human mind could never comprehend the terrible torture and awfulness of the fact of Hell. But when you add eternity to the doom of the soul that Jesus says is accompanied by weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth, then you can understand why Jesus would say, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

If you would get a conception of what it means to be lost, of the awfulness of hell, you must look to Calvary. There is no other place in time or eternity where you can get a proper conception of what it means for a soul to be lost. Oh, my friend, hear me tonight! It must be an unspeakable tragedy to be lost for the Son of God to be willing to die in order that men might be redeemed, for the Son of God to be willing to empty Himself of His glory, and take upon Him the form of a slave and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross that men might be saved—yes the Son of God was willing to make His soul an offering for sin—see Him in the garden of Gethsemane. In His agony of soul He sweat is great drops of blood falling down to the ground. His whole body, every pore open, is bathed in His heart's blood. Hear Him say, "Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me." For three hours of that awful night in Gethsemane; three hours the Son of God prays that one prayer. He isn't shrinking from the cross. His soul is being made an offering for sin. He is saying "If there is any other way; Father, if there is any other way, if there is any other way to save a soul, oh, Father, let me take that way. Friend, God took the hardest way that could have been taken. That means what? That means there is not only an awful Hell out yonder waiting the soul without God; not only does it mean that the doom of a sinner is an unspeakably awful thing, but it means there is absolutely no other way that it could be done. If there had been another way, God would have answered that prayer in the garden that night. But Jesus, looking into the face of the Father, said, "Not my will but thine be done." Oh, the price He paid for a soul! My friends, listen, that is God's estimate of the value of one soul, and yet that same soul for which He died men and women will throw away for nothing. They place no value whatever seemingly upon it. Yet they will tell you that they believe they are immortal; that they believe the Bible; that they believe there is a Heaven and a Hell out yonder; that they believe there is an eternity, and yet for a little mess of this earth's pottage, throw their soul away! "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

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What does Jesus mean here? I think He means that after a man has lost his soul, after he has forfeited his right of salvation, after he has waited too late, after he is in Hell and realizes its awfulness, what would he give if he could just get back those chances he had, to get right, and for just one more opportunity to make the right decision! What would the rich young ruler give tonight if he could kneel one more time at the feet of Jesus and hear the Son of God say, "Young man, one thing thou lackest." Oh, what would he give if He could hear the Lord say, "Sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor"—wouldn't he be glad to do it tonight? After nineteen hundred years of the tortures of Hell to remember that one day he stood so near to the borderline of glory, just one step over. Oh, what would he give to stand there again! And the myriads of souls in Hell tonight, what they would give to sit here tonight and hear one more gospel sermon, one more gospel song, one more invitation from the Lord, to feel once more the tug of the Spirit at their hearts! What would they give if they could have just one more opportunity! Oh, soul listen, if you forfeit your chance and go to Hell, you would give ten thousand worlds to hear one more gospel sermon, one more song, one more call; to hear that still small voice at the door of your heart just one more time. "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" The thing, my friends, is not to think about what you would do after it is too late but what are you going to do about it now?

IV. What Satan Offers For Your Soul.

What does the devil have to offer you, my unsaved friend? You are a man. You are a thinking, reasoning, intelligent human being. God gave you ability to think. God gave you ability to think logically, intelligently. Now is the time to settle this question. Face it honestly and seriously. Think with me tonight! What does the devil have to offer human life? Oh, the devil offers the satisfaction of our lower nature. But suppose we revel in it; we are then living on the plane of the beast of the field; we are not living the life of man as we turn ourselves over to satisfying the lower desires of life. The devil offers a gay time. But remember that all the devil offers, in the end it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. In the end you will curse the day that you put your feet in the primrose path, you will curse that day you listened to the devil's lies. The devil offers what he cannot deliver. He is the father of lies. He tells you it will be easy if you follow him. You will not find a soul anywhere that has found happiness following the devil. God has made man with such a capacity and with such a nature that he will never be satisfied nor happy until he rests in God. The abundance of things that a man possesses will not satisfy human life. What does the devil have to offer you, my friend? Look down the path a way and see what Satan has brought those that followed him. He has wrecked hearts and ruined souls. Look at the tears; listen to the sighs of the suffering; listen to the groans of the dying; listen to the weeping and the wailing and the gnashing of teeth. Paul was right when he said, "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain." Put your ear to the ground and you will hear the sighs of the suffering, you will hear the groans of the dying, you will hear the mourning of the sorrowing, you will hear the splashing of tears of the heart-broken that have followed the devil. Why can't people see? Why can't we learn from observation without having to learn by experience?

V. What God Offers For Your Soul.

What then does God have to offer you? He offers you His love. He offers you the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you from all sin, to break the fetters that sin has forged upon your soul and about your life, to set you free like a bird when he is turned out of a cage. It has been beating itself against the side of the cage of confinement but one day the cage is lifted and the bird goes back where it belongs. That is what Jesus meant when He said, "You will know the truth and the truth will make you

free," "whom the Son shall make free, is free indeed," that is what Isaiah meant when he saw the coming of the Son of God and said, "He shall open the prison to them that are bound and set the captives free." He offers you the peace of God that passeth all understanding. He offers to make your sin-stained soul as white as snow. Hear it! "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." For the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

When I was a high school lad, one afternoon after school, I walked down town. There was a man on the street corner selling some kind of cleaning fluid. He claimed he could take out any kind of stain. Back in those days they didn't make Script ink which will wash out. I knew when I got ink on my handkerchief or my clothes how hard it was to get out. In fact it was there to stay. So I stood there and watched him as he stood in the back of a truck. A negro comedian was singing and the crowd gathered around. He took out his handkerchief and took two small bowls and in one of them he poured a bottle of black ink, and in the other some sort of a fluid. I saw him take the handkerchief and dip it down in that bowl filled with the black ink and turn it over and over until every thread was saturated a midnight black. Then he lifted it out and held it up and it was as black as ink could make it. "Now," he said, "Watch." Then he put it over in the bowl of cleaning fluid. He dipped it down, turned it over a few times and took it by the corner and lifted it up and to our utter amazement it was as white as the driven snow. That is exactly what Jesus did with my poor sin-stained soul one day. Black with sin, He dipped it in the blood, in the fountain filled with His precious blood, and when it came up it was as white as the driven snow. Oh, what does God offer when He says He will put my sin behind His back and remember it against me no more forever? God offers to make me a child of His, a son of God, and heir of God and joint heir with Jesus Christ. God offers me the privilege of one day being like Jesus when I will see Him as He is. God offers me and offers you, my sinner friend, the privilege of being an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. He offers you the privilege of reigning with Him. Listen! "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcome, and am set down with my Father in his throne." We shall reign with Him forever! forever! forever! Think with me tonight: "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul."

VI. Worth Too Much to Go to Hell!

But you say, "I do not intend to go to Hell. I intend to be a Christian sometime. You are not talking to me, preacher." If that is what you are saying tonight, my unsaved friend, I want you to see this: How can you say that? How can you have the audacity to say, "I am going to trifle with God awhile longer? I am going to spurn Him a little while longer. I am going to trample under foot His blood a while. I am going to slam the door in His face awhile longer. I am going to insult the Spirit of grace." For that is what it means. You say, "I believe that Christ died for me, but I am going to close the door in His face. I will have my way awhile, and when I get ready I will trust Him." Unsaved friend, how can you have the audacity to so trifle with God? How can you hope with the shortness of life, the uncertainty of life that hangs by such a brittle thread, how can you dare to presume upon the mercy and the long-suffering of God? How can you hope for another chance? Don't trifle with God! Don't trifle with God! "Now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation."

My unsaved friend, Saul, the first king of Israel trifled with God. God said to Samuel, "I have rejected Saul." All night long Samuel, that great prophet of God, lay on his face and prayed and cried to God for Saul but to no avail. God said, "I am through with him." God said, "He has trifled with me long enough." So Saul was set aside as king. "He, that

being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." You say, "I am going to some day." What about now? What are you going to do now? Think with me tonight. Whatever sin may give you, whatever the world has to offer you, friend, it perishes with the using. Is it worth the price? "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Do you know why people go to Hell? Because they will not think, because they will not follow their own better judgment; not because they do not believe the Bible, not because they do not intend to be saved some time, but because they will not do what their own reason their own better judgment tells them to do. Think of a soul in eternity without God, without hope and without the Lord of glory. Hear me! Suppose there is no certain place called Hell where there is fire and brimstone—I believe there is, but just for the sake of argument, suppose there is not; think of a soul flung by the power of God beyond creation's boundaries, blighted by the curse of Almighty God throughout all eternity, withering and dying under the curse of God, doomed to wander in infinite, boundless, bottomless darkness where the soul sinks down and down and down forever in that bottomless pit where the soul never finds a place to rest its weary head, for there is no rest day nor night forever; where the sound of a friendly voice is never heard, nor the touch of a friendly hand is ever felt; where the only sound that ever reaches your poor, doomed ears is the hiss and jeering of the demons and the weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth of the damned. Think of such an eternity when by a moment's decision, when in the twinkling of an eye, yea, by one moment's resolution you can be saved. Think! God gave you reason and power to think and you know what you ought to do. Think of spending eternity in Hell when God gave you the will to act and you could have in a single moment's decision settled your salvation for time and eternity, when with one eternal yes to God you could have been singing around the throne with the blood-washed throng of the redeemed of God, when by holding out an empty hand of faith, in one second, yea, one instant of time you could have received as a gift of God eternal life!—What is a man profited? What a foolish thing for a reasoning, thinking human being to do!

Will you make the right decision, friend? Will you open that door and receive Jesus? He didn't say "Whosoever can." He says, "Whosoever will." Will you? Will you? "Whosoever will let him take the water of life freely."

Bow your heads. How many tonight are not Christians. Just be honest with God tonight; you are not saved or else you are not sure whether you are saved or not; you don't know—will you say, "I want to make the right choice for eternity, I want to be saved, I want Heaven as my home. I believe the Bible, I believe that Christ died for me and I appreciate it. I do appreciate Christ's death for me and before I die. I want Him as my Saviour?" That is the fairest and simplest proposition I know how to make. If you are not saved or not sure and want God's people to pray for you, raise your hand.

PRAYER: Our Father, we pray tonight for those who had courage enough to lift their hands. If you will just save one soul tonight, it is worth more than if we gained the whole world. Those that did not have courage to lift their hands, give them courage yet to accept Thee. Oh, God have mercy. Oh, God may the Holy Spirit speak to them and give courage tonight to step out for Thee. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others, in my eyes, are of minor importance, and which in all my perplexities and distresses has never failed to give me light and strength.— Robert E. Lee.